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TO   : Chief, Budget and Finance Branch   DATE: 25 March 1948

FROM   : Chief, Budget Division

SUBJECT: Financial Support of the NIS Program - Fiscal Year 1949

      Reference is made to your verbal request for a review of correspondence on this subject and for additional recommendations to be furnished the Executive for Administration and Management based upon information supplied by the Assistant Director, Office of Reports and Estimates, in reply to specific questions raised by the Executive for Administration and Management.

      We find that an item of $25,000 was actually included in the original fiscal year 1949 budget to cover research projects for the Office of Reports and Estimates ██████████████. This item of $25,000 was overlooked when we reviewed ORE's request for the $600,000 because it was inadvertently transferred to the Reference Center at the time the Reference Center requirements were transferred from ORE to Executive for A & M.

      After making allowances for this oversight and reviewing the specific replies by the Assistant Director, ORE, to the specific questions submitted by the Executive for A & M in his memorandum of 10 March 1948, we still feel that CIA can absorb the NIS program increases up to the amount of $302,000 that may be required either from ORE's own lapses or savings of other agency organizational units for the reason you have already given the Executive for A & M; that is, "inability of CIA organizational units to get their programs fully developed as estimated".

      In connection with any new requests that might be made by other agencies for an underwriting of joint projects entirely by CIA, the Budget Division can recommend that these requests be judged on their own merits including the amount of funds available at the time such requests are submitted.

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